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The Review of the publick Buildings and Ornaments of the Cities of London *and* Weſtminſter, *continued.*

THO' I did not deſign to touch any more on the little Edifices, which are rais'd on the Ruins of *Whitehall*, yet, as ſome few Remarks may ariſe from another Survey of them, I will take the Liberty of mentioning them a ſecond Time.

That, which has made the moſt Noiſe, and excited the moſt Curioſity, is Sir *John Vanbrug*'s; a Fabrick erected in that Gentleman's own peculiar Taſte; that is to ſay, a Medley of the *Gothique* and *Antique*: A Manner which he was remarkably fond of, and which, indeed, diſtinguiſhes his Buildings from almoſt every other Maſter's in the Univerſe. I am very far from thinking it a proper Model for others to follow, or that his Authority is ſufficient to juſtify it: To be ſure nothing is more corrupt, or can tend more to the Degeneracy of true Beauty; and yet, ſometimes, by the Help of a lively Fancy, it has a good Effect, and would grace the Landſcape better than any Thing in a more regular and finiſh'd Taſte. I believe, this little Box of Sir *John*'s, might be diſtinguiſh'd as a Proof of this Aſſertion; and, if it had a proper Point of View, would appear to a good deal of Advantage.

The next is the Earl of *Pembroke*'s, which, ſome Months ago, ſeem'd, at leaſt, to be pretty, and wanted but little of being elegant; but now his Lordſhip has thought proper to alter it in ſuch a Manner, that it would be hardly known by either of thoſe Epithets: To hide the whole Front of a Houſe, for the Sake of the Offices, is certainly ſomething of a Miſtake; but theſe have neither Manner, nor ſo much as Materials, to render them tolerable.

The Duke of *Montagu*'s new Houſe was intended to be plain and ſimple, but I preſume, at the ſame Time, beautiful and harmonious; and yet, with all Submiſſion to better Judges, it appears to me heavy and inſipid; loaded with Roof, and incumber'd with irregular Offices. I might add too, that the Stone Projection towards the *Thames*, is an Excreſcence which has neither Taſte nor Ornament to recommend it; the Alcove may anſwer very gracefully within, for what I can tell; but, without, I am poſitive 'tis a Blemiſh, which hardly any Convenience can pardon.

His Grace of *Richmond*'s is next, and has greatly the Advantage of its Neighbour; there is ſomething of Manner, as well as Simplicity in this; it ſatisfies the Eye, and anſwers in the Proſpect: And yet even here the Entrance is intolerable; not only becauſe 'tis bad in itſelf, but becauſe it hides all the lower Part of the Houſe, and, of Courſe, ſpoils the Proportion, without adding a ſingle Beauty to make an Atonement.

Before I quit this Place, I muſt take Notice of the braſen Statue, erected here in Honour of *James* II. The Attitude is fine, the Manner free and eaſy, the Execution finiſh'd and perfect, and the Expreſſion in the Face inimitable: It explains the very Soul of that unhappy Monarch, and is therefore as valuable as if it commemorated the Features, and Form of a Hero. In ſhort, 'tis Pity 'tis not remov'd to ſome more open and publick Place, that it might be better known, and more admir'd.

We'll now ſtep into the *Park*, where we ſhall ſee a Houſe in the fineſt Situation, with the whole Canal and Park in Proſpect; and yet ſo obſcur'd with Trees, that, except in the Garrets, it can't have the Advantage of either: Surely there can be no Excuſe for ſo egregious a Miſtake, but that the Houſe itſelf is in ſo wrong a Taſte, that it was the Owner's Intereſt to hide it.

Hard by, the new *Treaſury* is erecting, and, if we may judge by the Foundation, of Stone too: I hope it will be grand and magnificent; it will have a glorious Area before it, and will be ſeen to the utmoſt Perfection, from the other Side of the *Park*: Whence the Angles of theſe Houſes, the Space before them, and the Buildings behind them, form one of the beautifulleſt Scenes about Town. But, however, let it be ever ſo ſtately, and auguſt, there will be much Reaſon to regret, that, as there were two new Buildings on each Side of it, they were not contriv'd in the ſame Taſte, and in the ſame Line; for, by this Means, they would have ſerv'd as Wings to the Centre, and form'd one grand and elegant Whole.

About half Way along the *Mall*, *Weſtminſter-Abbey* appears in Proſpect over the Tops of the Trees, in the moſt picturesque Manner imaginable: The fine Green of the Park itſelf, the Canal, the Iſland, and another City ariſing beyond all, is a View of ſuch a Nature, as few Places in the World can parallel.

Carlton-Houſe, now belonging to his *Royal Highneſs*, is moſt delightfully ſituated for a Place of elegant and courtly Pleaſure: But the Building itſelf is tame and poor: Hardly any Place is capable of greater Improvements, and hardly any Place ſtands more in Need of them.

Marlborough-Houſe is another Inſtance of great Expence, but no Taſte: It conſiſts only of a Range of Windows or two; a certain Quantity of unmeaning Stone, which was intended for Decoration, and a Weight of Chimnies over all, enough to ſink the Roof to the Foundation. 'Tis certain the Ground afforded the Architect all the Opportunity imaginable of exerting his utmoſt Art and Genius, and, if he had, the very Place itſelf would have ſecur'd him the higheſt Applauſe.

'Tis with no ſmall Concern, I am oblig'd to own that the Royal Palace of the *Britiſh Kings* is ſo far from having one ſingle Beauty to recommend it, that 'tis at once the Contempt of foreign Nations, and the Diſgrace of our own: 'Twill admit of no Debate that the Court of a Monarch ought to be the Centre of all Politeneſs; and a grand and elegant Out-ſide would ſeem, at leaſt, an Indication of a like Perfection within: We may ſafely add, that this is neceſſary even in a political Senſe: For Strangers very naturally take their Impreſſions of a whole People, by what they ſee at Court, and the People themſelves are, and ought to be dazzled by the auguſt Appearance of Majeſty, in every Thing that has any Relation to it. I could wiſh, therefore, that Ways and Means could be invented, to bring about this neceſſary Point; that *Britain* might aſſert her own Taſte and Dignity, and vie in Elegance, as well as Power, with the moſt finiſh'd of her Neighbours.

Buckingham-Houſe is a Building that attracts more Eyes, and has more Admirers, than almoſt any other about Town; not that 'tis in Fact the moſt beautiful, but becauſe it appears ſo; an Advantage which it derives only from its Situation, and the Liberty it allows the Spectator of ſeeing it in what Point of View he pleaſes. The Parts, which compoſe this Pile, are neither new, nor ſurpriſing: The Proportions are not abſolutely perfect, the Windows being remarkably too large and numerous; and the Decorations ſeem poor and trivial: The Statues, on Top, are wretched, and rather load, than adorn the Building; the Colonnade which leads to the Wings, is ſtuck on to the Houſe, without any Plea for its Connection, and the Wings are both miſerable in themſelves, and no Ways akin to the Houſe they belong to. Upon the Whole, tho', it muſt be conſeſs'd, it has the Appearance of Taſte and Deſign, and, if 'tis not perfect, there are few Houſes amongſt us which are more ſo: The late Duke's Judgment is certainly to be applauded much, for chuſing his Ground ſo well. 'Tis owing to him, that the Houſe has, at once, the Advantage of the triple Viſta along the *Mall*, the Air of *Conſtitution-Hill*, the Proſpect of *Chelſea-Fields*, terminated with the Hills of *Surrey*, and a moſt delightful View of the *Canal*, with the Landſcape on either Side, and the *Banquetting-Houſe* at *Whitehall* to finiſh and adorn the Whole.

On the three Hampſtead *Beauties.*

TUNBRIDGE no more for Beauties ſhall be nam'd,
No more ſhall *Bath* for ſhining Toaſts be fam'd;
Thou *Epping*, never ſhall be talk'd of more;
Epping, or *Hertford*, mighty Names before:
In future Times ſhall *Hampſtead*'s Fame be read,
High on a Mountain lifting up her Head.
On Mountains high *Apollo* kept his Court,
Parnaſſus was the Muſes fam'd Reſort;
On high *Olympus* Top reſides great *Jove*;
On *Hampſtead*'s Mount the beauteous God of Love;
Three Graces here th' enamour'd Eyes behold,
Nor beauteous more the *Graces* were of old.
In the firſt Rank doth *T—ſ—n*'s Conſort ſtand.
And lovely *Th—y—r*'s killing Eyes command.
The aſtoniſh'd Gazers, with Surprize agree,
That *Jerſey*'s beauteous Offſpring makes them three:
Here ſmiling *Gr——y* doth each Beholder bleſs,
And *P—w—ll*'s native Charms all Eyes confeſs.
Here bounteous Nature hath perform'd her Part;
Deſtroy not, fair one, Nature's Gift by Art.
View thou, in others, what will thee diſgrace;
How *Ap—l—bee* becomes her varniſh'd Face.
With no falſe Colour thou thy Beauties taint,
But ſee on *W—tk—in*'s Cheeks the glaring Paint.
Behold, amongſt the Crowd, the widow'd Fair,
With Aſpect ſmiling, and engaging Air;
Her generous Soul by Nature only mov'd,
Deſpiſing Fortune, choſe the Man ſhe lov'd.
What tho' his Head no quaint Conceits contain,
Nor Stateſman's Schemes are labour'd in his Brain,
Indulgent Nature, to his Perſon kind,
In Part attones for what he wants in Mind.
No dirty Acres break his peaceful Reſt,
Soft glide his Hours, with her kind Glances bleſt;
Her willing Hand ſhall all his Troubles clear,
And twice one hundred gladden every Year;
He, in Return, ſhall grateful Homage pay,
Shorten her widow'd Nights, and flatter her by Day.
In Days of old, we find it was not odd,
That *Satan* mingled with the Sons of God.
No Wonder, then, if in theſe Days we find
Matrons and Virgins of another Kind
Amongſt theſe Fair ones; for Vice, 'tis ſaid,
In Virtue's Crowd doth ever hide her Head:
No Wonder, then, if crafty *Br—nſ—d* cheats,
And bearded *L——le* in their Aſſembly ſits;
Bold manly Hagg, to pack the Cards inur'd,
And with black Hands to ſweep the bubbled Board.
Nor this compleats the Meaſure of her Ill,
For to her Nieces ſhe imparts her Skill;
And when her Soul from her rank Body's flown,
And to grim *Pluto* is deſcending gone,
Hampſtead may with her Abſence not be bleſt;
For on her Nieces ſhall her Spirit reſt.
Here chatt'ring *Aleyn* ne'er excites a Flame;
'Tis known the Magpye is no Bird of Game:
Here *O—w—n* her Virginity bewails,
Like *Jephtha*'s Daughter in the holy Tales.
Diſdain thou Forms, which Cuſtom doth impoſe,
Likes *J——s* a Man, and not a Huſband choſe;
No livid Paleneſs then will thee diſgrace;
Like hers let Claret ſparkle in thy Face.
Compleatly happy *Hampſtead* ſhall we find,
When Summers two are in one Year conjoin'd;
Then, wily *B—wn—th* ſhall her Craft forego,
And *J—an—r*'s mean Soul ſhall lib'ral ſhow.
Th' unſettled *Sw—nb—ne* ſhall his Debts repay;
His Siſter *Molly* witty Things ſhall ſay.
W—ſ—n for ſpeaking Truth be thought to blame;
And *D——rs* noted for his Senſe of Shame;
Br——me ſhall marry; Mrs. *H——ts* grow young,
And pious *V—rn—n* ſhall reſtrain his Tongue;
T—nſ—d ſhall then believe the Churches Creed,
And *Baal*'s drunken Envoy learn to read;
Tom F——k's Sincerity by all be ſeen,
And *W——tts* to ſerve the Lord ſhall leave the Green.

To the AUTHOR *of the* WEEKLY REGISTER.

SIR,

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Yours, &c. R. B.

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The Anſwer.

WELL, *Dick*, ſince you have done
The Thing that I requir'd;
Come ſee me very ſoo——ne,
And kiſs till you are tir'd.
Clever Dick.

The Maids will you eſteem,
And taſte the Joys you've written:
They'll praiſe your clever Sche——me,
That has their Hearts ſo ſmitten.
Clever Dick.

Therefore make no Delay,
But come when you have Leiſure;
—— But come within a Da——y,
And kiſs me at your Pleaſure.
Pretty Dick.

RICHARD BIRCHELL, jun.

N. B. *The Poem ſign'd* Literarium *is come to our Hands, and ſhall be inſerted in our next.*

SATURDAY, *Dec.* 8.

WE hear the Pariſhioners of St. *James's*, *Weſtminſter*, are about to contract with Mr. *Miſt* and other eminent Builders, for erecting a Chapel of Eaſe to the new Range of Buildings the Backſide of *Burlington Gardens*.

Yeſterday being the Birth-Day of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs *Louiſa*, there was a very great Appearance at Court of ſeveral Perſons of Diſtinction, to pay their Compliments to their Majeſties on that Occaſion.

Mr. *Duncan* waited on their Majeſties with the Compliments of his moſt Serene Highneſs the Prince of *Orange*, on the ſaid Occaſion, which was kindly received; and about Two the Right Hon. the Earl of *Albemarle* was ſent to his Highneſs with the Compliments of the Court by order of their Majeſties.

The Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor is created a Peer of *Great Britain*, by the Name, Stile, and Title of *Charles Talbot*, Lord *Talbot*, Baron of *Hanſell*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, and his Patent paſſed accordingly laſt Thurſday Evening.

'Tis written from *Peel* in *Montgomeryſhire*, of the 26th paſt, That the Jail there is fuller of Priſoners than it has been for a long Time, and two of them for a very particular Crime, *viz.* At the Fair there were two young Men, warmed with Liquor, wandering about the Town at an unſeaſonable Hour, met with a Woman, who by Report, was not much cooler than they, whom they accoſted in a very amorous Manner, and prevailed with her to take a Walk with them towards the Church-Yard, where being come, they expoſtulated with her ſome Time about their Buſineſs, and during that Time there came a drunken Fellow thro' the Church-Yard, and ſeeing them there, knew them all; but he thinking it too late to go home in that Pickle, went to take a Nap in the Church Porch; and by that Time the two young Rogues began to attack the Woman's Chaſtity, and ſhe, 'tis ſaid, reſiſted with all her Power; however, they proved too ſtrong for her, and had Knowledge of her Body ſeveral Times, and the Woman (who was married) being troubled with an Aſthma, was, by the Violence they uſed, ſuffocated in the very Act; and by their own Confeſſion they had carnal Knowledge of her Body ſeveral Times after ſhe was dead, and when they were ſatiated, they left her lying in the ſame Poſture as they had uſed her, *viz.* Upon her Back, with her Coats thrown over her Face, her Legs extended, and the Parts bare, and in that Poſture ſhe was found next Day. The Fellow in the Porch, when he awaked, ſaw them engag'd, but went home, and took no Notice of it at that Time: However, in the Morning, when the Woman was ſo found, there was immediately a ſtrict Enquiry after the Authors of ſuch monſtrous Villainy; and it was obſerved that her Huſband had been with her, at the Fair, ſelling Stockings, which was the Buſineſs they followed, and that he was very croſs, and much out of Humour all that Day, therefore 'twas concluded that he was the Murderer, and without any further Enquiry he was immediately committed, and heavily loaden with Irons: After which the drunken Fellow had no Quietneſs Night nor Day, from the Checks of his own Conſcience for concealing the Diſcovery of the true Murderers, till at laſt he was adviſed to inform the Bailiffs of that Borough, who, upon the Information, forthwith iſſued out their Warrant, by which Warrant the Rogues were apprehended; and upon their Examinations confeſs'd the ſeveral Facts before-mention'd, and were immediately committed to Jail, and loaded with Irons, and the poor injur'd Huſband diſcharg'd.

Death. On Wedneſday died the Rev. Mr. *Hare*, Curate of St. *Mildred* in the *Poultry*.

MONDAY, *Dec.* 10.

On Saturday Night laſt the Seſſions ended at the *Old-Bailey*, when the fourteen following Criminals received Sentence of Death, *viz.*

Henry Baxter, and *John Rooke*, alias *Jack the Hatter*, on the Evidence of one *Macdonald*, their Accomplice, for robbing Mr. *Henry Maxwell* on the Highway, between *Stepney* and *Mile-End*, of 19s. and ſome Half pence.

John Anderſon, *Francis Ogleby*, and *John Baker*, alias *Stick in the Mud*, for breaking open the Houſe of Mr. *Thomas Rayner*, a Silverſmith, and ſtealing thence Plate to a great Value.

John Collington, for robbing Sir *William Chapman* on the Highway, of two Guineas.

William Brown, and *Joſeph Whitlock*, on the Evidence of *Richard Mechell*, their Accomplice, for robbing Col. *Des Romain* at *Paddington*.

John Beach, for robbing Mr. *Francis Curphoy* on the Highway, of a Note of Hand of 5 l. and 9s ſome Halfpence in Money.

John Freelove, for robbing Mr. *Francis Lee*, on the Highway, between *Kenſington* and *Knightſbridge*, of a Watch and Money.

William Johnſon, on two Indictments, one for Deer-ſtealing; the other for the Murder of *Henry Tarman*, by ſhooting him through the Head, as he was endeavouring to ſecure him on an Outcry of *Stop Thief*, as he was purſued for Deer-ſtealing.

Elizabeth Rann (a Girl) for robbing her Maſter, Mr. *Stephen Freeman*, of 20 Guineas, ſome Silver, and Linnen. And

Elizabeth Wright, the Mother, and *Mary Wright*, the Daughter, the Mother on three Indictments, two for counterfeiting Shillings and Six-pences, and the third for having the Moulds and other Materials for Coining, taken in her Cuſtody, and the Daughter on one Indictment for counterfeiting Shillings.

John Knight, Son-in-Law to the ſaid *Elizabeth Wright*, was tried on the laſt Indictment for having the Moulds, *&c.* found in his Cuſtody, and acquitted, whereupon his Fetters were knocked off, and he was immediately ſet at Liberty.

As ſoon as the Jury had given their Verdict of the ſaid Perſons for Coining, Mr. *North*, Sollicitor to his Majeſty's Mint, moved the Court, to know how he was to diſpoſe of 14 Guineas and a Moidore that he found amongſt the bad Money; and the Court gave it to *Elizabeth Wright* the Mother, to keep her and her Daughter under Condemnation: After which, Mr. *North* broke all the counterfeit Pieces in Court for which they were tried.

Elizabeth Wright and *Mary Wright* received Sentence to be drawn to the Place of Execution on an Hurdle, and there to be burnt to Aſhes.

Elizabeth Wright, the Mother, pleaded her Belly; but a Jury of Matrons being impanelled, brought in their Verdict, *Not quick with Child.*

The ſaid *Elizabeth Wright* confeſſed to the Court her having followed Coining for eight Years paſt, and that moſt of the Money ſhe coined in *Ireland*, to which Place ſhe had gone ſeveral Times, and brought the Money over with her; and begged for Mercy for her Daughter, who is about 15 Years of Age.

At the ſaid Seſſions 35 were caſt for Tranſportation, and five ordered to be whipt.

Boddenham, the Watch-maker in the *Old-Bailey*, was tried for receiving Part of the Plate ſtolen by *Mechell*, *Brown*, *Whitlock*, and one other, not yet taken, out of Colonel *Des Romain*'s Houſe at *Paddington*; and it appearing by the Evidence of *Mechell*, that he ſold him the Plate, and that *Boddenham*, at the Time of buying it, knew it to be ſtolen; and that he had frequently bought Goods of him, which *Mechell* himſelf and others had ſtolen, the Jury brought him in Guilty, and he is to be tranſported for 14 Years. As ſoon as the Verdict was brought in, the Sheriff's Officers went in order to take Poſſeſſion of his Houſe in the *Old Bailey*; but a Judgment was before executed, and had taken Poſſeſſion, by one of *Boddenham*'s Relations.

We are aſſur'd, that one of the Perſons condemn'd for robbing Col. *Des Romain* at *Paddington*, was formerly condemn'd at the Aſſizes at *Guildford*, but graciouſly pardon'd by his Majeſty on a Petition from the Inhabitants of *Paddington*, ſign'd and principally promoted by the Colonel himſelf, who knew him as living in the ſaid Town.

There are now 22 Malefactors lying under Sentence of Condemnation in *Newgate*.

On Thurſday Night laſt Mr. *John Snow*, who keeps the *King*'s *Arms* at *Fulham*, was attack'd by two Highwaymen by *Bloody-Bridge* on the *King*'s-*Road* between *Chelſea* and *Fulham*; he happen'd to know the Perſon that ſtopt him, and ſaid, *Billy, I hope you don't follow theſe Practices*, upon which the other fired a Piſtol at him, but miſs'd him, the Noiſe whereof ſo frighten'd the Horſe, that he flung Mr. *Snow* into the Dirt; the Rogues ſeeing him fall, imagin'd they had kill'd him, and made off, whereupon he remounted his Horſe, and got ſafe home.

On Saturday laſt the Lady of the Hon. *William Finch*, Eſq; his Majeſty's Envoy at the *Hague*, was ſafely brought to Bed of a Daughter.

The ſame Day about Noon her Grace the Dutcheſs of *Leeds*, and Lady of the Right Hon. the Earl of *Portmore*, was ſafely delivered of a Daughter.

On Saturday laſt *John Murphy*, otherwiſe *Lawrence Bourk*, an *Iriſhman*, was committed to *Newgate* by Juſtice *Deveil*, on the Oath of *Thomas Poplett*, for burglariouſly breaking open (with three other Perſons, not yet taken) the Houſe of Mr. *Thomas Venables*, of *Sydenham*, in *Lewiſham* Pariſh in *Kent*, beating and wounding the ſaid *Thomas Venables* and his Wife (two very antient Perſons) in a moſt cruel and barbarous Manner, with a prodigious large Hammer, which they made Uſe of to break open the Street-Door; but *Venables* being aſſiſted by their Son-in Law, the ſaid *Thomas Poplett* and his Wife, they got the better of the Rogues, and particularly of *John Murphy*, alias *Lawrence Bourk*, whom they ſeverely wounded with a Poker in many Places in his Head; that in his Flight he left behind him his Hat, and the aboveſaid Hammer; and having amongſt other Things ſtole one of the ſaid *Poplett*'s Shirts, the ſame was found on the ſaid *Murphy* when brought before the Juſtice, and ſworn to by *Poplett*'s Wife; and the Hat which he left behind, was ſworn to by the Landlady where he lodg'd at *Iſlington*, at the Time the Robbery was committed, and by another Perſon who knew it to be his Hat, tho' he pretended that he had been robb'd on the King's Highway, and was thus beat and wounded by the Robbers.

Marriages. A few Days ago *Hugh Barlow*, of *Lowpent* in *Pembrokeſhire*, Eſq; was married to Miſs *Skirm*, of *Longridge* in the ſame County, a beautiful young Lady of 30,000 l. Fortune.——Yeſterday *George Knapp*, of *Hertfordſhire*, Eſq; was married to Miſs *Norris*, of *Panton-Square*, a young Lady of a large Fortune.

Bankrupts. *Thomas Armſtrong*, of *Buckingham*, Linnen-Draper and Chapman.——*William Armſtrong*, of *Brackley*, in the County of *Northampton*, Chapman.——*John Wright*, of St. *John's-ſtreet*, *London*, Linnen-Draper.——*Frances Wynell*, late of *Brook-ſtreet*, in the Pariſh of St. *Andrew's*, *Holborn*, Widow, Pawnbroker and Chapwoman.——*William Butler*, of *Wolverhampton*, in the County of *Stafford*, Ironmonger and Chapman.——*John Tarrant*, of *Tower-ſtreet*, *London*, Tobacconiſt.——*Richard Starkey*, late of *Hempton*, in the County of *Norfolk*, Tanner.

TUESDAY, *Dec.* 11.

The Expences of the ſeveral Tables, *&c.* at *Somerſet-Houſe*, are ſaid, upon an Eſtimation, to amount to 800 l. a Week.

Yeſterday was heard before the Right Worſhipful *John Betteſworth*, Doctor of Laws, Judge of the Prerogative Court of *Canterbury* a Cauſe which depended in that Court between *Mark Frecker*, Eſq; and others, who were appointed by the Parliament to propound the laſt Will and Codicils of Colonel *Richard Norton*, deceaſed, (who did by his ſaid Will make the Parliament his Executors in Truſt) Plaintiffs; and the Worſhipful Dr. *Chichley* and others, the Deceaſed's neareſt Relations, Defendants; when the Judge after hearing the learned Arguments of ſeveral of the moſt eminent Counſel and Advocates, was pleaſed to pronounce for the Validity of the ſaid Wills and Codicils.

The ſame Day at the Sittings in the Court of *King's-Bench* at *Guildhall*, came on to be tried before the Lord *Hardwicke*, an Information againſt a Printer in the *Minories*, for printing and publiſhing a Libel, intitled, *The bloody Jews Cruelty*; a Paper cried about the Streets, near two Years ſince, and containing an idle Relation of a Jew Woman's being deliver'd of a Child, which with the Mother were immediately burnt by ſome *Jews*, the Father being ſuppos'd to be a *Chriſtian*. The printing and publiſhing being ſufficiently proved, as well as the Falſity of the Libel, the Defendant offer'd to aſk Pardon; but the Proſecutors, not content therewith, inſiſted on his Diſcovery of the Author, which he not complying with, the Lord Chief Juſtice ſumm'd up the Evidence, and the Jury gave a Verdict againſt him.

Yeſterday *Thomas Rowlat*, who robbed his Maſter, Mr. *Eaſt*, in *Gracechurch ſtreet*, the Morning before, of a Sum of Money to the Amount of 150 l. was taken at an Inn at *Barnet*, with the greateſt Part of the Money about him.

The 13 Men of War lately put in Commiſſion, were to receive their preſent Complement of Men and Ammunition, as for Guardſhips only; but Sir *George Walton* hath been nominated to the Command of them, in caſe it ſhould be found neceſſary to order them to Sea on any Expedition.

On Saturday laſt *Robert Weſtley* and *Daniel Lambert*, Eſqs; the Sheriffs of *London*, order'd 50l. to be paid immediately to the Widow of *Henry Tarman*, who was ſhot in endeavouring to ſecure *William Johnſon* (now under Condemnation in *Newgate*) as he was purſued on an Outcry of *Stop Thief*.

Dublin, Dec. 4. We hear there are Prayers offered up in the Country for the Preſervation of our happy Conſtitution in Church and State, on Occaſion of the Attempt for repealing the Sacramental Teſt; and it is whiſper'd there will be ſome very moving Addreſſes from the inferior Clergy, and ſome Gentlemen, to the Right Rev. the Biſhops, that they would be pleaſed to interpoſe their good Offices on this important Affair.

Deaths. On Sunday died, at his Houſe in *Holles-ſtreet*, near *Cavendiſh-Square*, *Thomas Griffin*, of *Stonyburſt* in *Lancaſhire*, Eſq;—The ſame Night died Mr. *Tuffnell*, an eminent Maſter-Builder, ſaid to have died worth 30,000 l.

WEDNESDAY, *Dec.* 12.

Yeſterday between Twelve and One o'Clock, his Highneſs the Prince of *Orange* went in a private Chair from *Somerſet-Houſe* to *Spring-Garden-Gate* in St. *James's-Park*, where Sir *Clement Cottrel*, Knt. Maſter of the Ceremonies, together with his Highneſs's Maſter of the Horſe, waited his coming, in one of his Majeſty's Coaches, into which immediately entring, his Highneſs was conducted to the Royal Palace at *Kenſington*, where Dr. *Teiſſier* waited to receive him.

The ſame Day was held a Court of Aldermen at *Guildhall*, for the Election of a Chaplain of *Newgate*, but the ſame was put off till the next Court Day; there were ſix Clergymen Candidates for the ſaid Place.

Laſt Monday Night about Eight o'Clock, as a Perſon was making Serpents in a Houſe in *Red-Croſs-ſtreet*, a Spark from a Candle ſet Fire to the Gunpowder, which blew away the Cloſet in the Room, Part of the Cieling, and broke in Pieces all the Windows, but did no other Damage.

On Monday Morning Mr. *William Knott*, of the *Cuſtom-houſe* Sloop, met a Veſſel belonging to a Gang of Smugglers near *Sheerneſs*, which one of the Gang, who is an Outlaw, being apprized of, he made his Eſcape in their Long-Boat in only his Shirt; but the reſt were ſeized by the Men on board the Sloop, and ſeveral Fire-Arms loaded with Ball were taken from them, but very little Goods were found, they having run the greateſt Part of them before they were detected.

The following is an exact and correct Liſt of the Commiſſioners of Bankrupt appointed by the Lord Chancellor.

Firſt Liſt —	Roger Coningſby William Mellmoth, junior. Thomas Allen	Eſqs.
	Conway Whithorne Thomas Mathew	Gent.
Second Liſt —	Thomas Lane Edward Simſon John Hopkins	Eſqs.
	John Welles Alexander Hamilton	Gent.
Third Liſt —	John Webber Edmund Sawyer William Dixon, junior	Eſqs.
	Richard Davies William Midford	Gent.
Fourth Liſt —	John Roberts Thomas Brooke Edmund Baugh	Eſqs.
	James Mead John Grubb	Gent.
Fifth Liſt —	Edward Green John Tracy Bertram Craſter	Eſqs.
	Henry Bendyſh Everard Goodman	Gent.
Sixth Liſt —	Thomas Vaudrey Francis Capper Robert Franſham	Eſqs.
	Samuel Baldwin, junior Stephen Hervey	Gent.
Seventh Liſt —	John Maſon Thomas Batſon Thomas Hutches	Eſqs.
	Charles Bateman Thomas Clendon	Gent.
Eighth Liſt —	Thomas Burrell Elfred Staples Chriſtopher Fawſett	Eſqs.
	Edward Woodcock John Whitehead	Gent.

We hear that the Merchants have certain Advice, that the Treaty between the Emperor and the Elector of *Bavaria* is perfected, and that his Electoral Highneſs is come intirely into the Emperor's Meaſures: They have alſo an Account, that the Emperor has ſent to this Court for Leave to borrow 250,000 l. and it is ſo far believ'd, that great Intereſt is making by ſeveral Money'd Men to get into the Loan, they being to have 6 l. *per Cent.* Intereſt, and unexceptionable Security.

Death. Yeſterday died *Lithwaite Farrant*, Eſq; Deputy-Regiſter of the Prerogative Court of *Canterbury*.

Bankrupts. William Cockayne, late of the City of *Cheſter*, Grocer.——*Mordecai Pitts*, late of the Pariſh of St. *Giles's*, *Cripplegate*, *London*, Victualler and Chapman.——*George Millard*, of the Pariſh of St. *George*, *Bloomſbury*, in the County of *Middleſex*, Diſtiller.——*John Hall*, late of *Nantwich*, in the County of *Cheſter*, Chapman.

THURSDAY, *Dec.* 13.

On Tueſday laſt the Lady of Baron *Sparre*, Envoy from the Court of *Sweden*, was ſafely delivered of a Daughter, at his Houſe in *Groſvenor-ſtreet*.

On Tueſday Night laſt, the Wind blowing exceſſive hard, ſeveral Boats were caſt away on the River *Thames*, and ſeveral Paſſengers drowned; a Boy that was on Liking with a Waterman, was blown over-board and drowned by *Weſtminſter-Bridge*, and we hear great Damage was done among the Ships in the River.

Yeſterday Morning about One o'Clock, a Watchman, going his Rounds, dropp'd down dead near Mr. *Croſs's* Brew-houſe, at *Millbank*, *Weſtminſter*.

The ſame Day a Journeyman Carpenter fell from a Ladder three Stories high, in *Water-Lane*, and dropt into the Yard, and died immediately.

Yeſterday a Life-Guard-Man, who keeps a Baker's Shop in *David ſtreet*, by *Groſvenor-Square*, cut his Throat, and died immediately.

Mr. *George Groome*, of *Botolph-Lane*, Orange Merchant, being ſome Time ſince ordered by the Commiſſioners of the Sewers to be indicted for a Nuiſance, in ſetting out Cheſts or other Things in the Street, and thereby obſtructing the common Paſſage, he removed the Indictment by *Certiorari* from the Seſſions into the Court of *King's-Bench*. The Trial came on Yeſterday before the Lord Chief Juſtice *Hardwicke* at *Guildhall*; and after a full Hearing, the Jury found him Guilty.

Yeſterday, according to annual Cuſtom, an Oration in *Latin* was ſpoken at the *Charterhouſe* in Honour of the Founder and Benefactors to that Foundation, by Mr. *George Fiddes*, one of the Scholars, with very great Applauſe; the Audience conſiſted of the Rev. Dr. *King* the Maſter, the Right Hon. the Earl *Cowper*, the Hon. Mr. *King*, eldeſt Son of the Lord *King*, Mr. *Eyles*, Son of Sir *John Eyles*, Bart. (who were the Stewards of the Feaſt of Gentlemen educated at the ſaid School held the ſame Day) and a great Number of Clergymen and Gentlemen of Diſtinction.

We have an Account by private Letters from *Vienna*, that Count *Daun*, Governor-General of the Dutchy of *Milan*, met with a very cold Reception upon his Arrival there; that the Emperor not only refus'd to ſee him, and to permit him to juſtify himſelf, but baniſh'd him immediately the Court, and order'd him to keep at the Diſtance of a certain Number of Miles from his Preſence. That Nobleman is charg'd with having permitted the King of *Sardinia* to carry 30,000 Sacks of Corn out of the *Milaneſe*, at a Time when he ought to have been upon his Guard againſt every Step of that Court: From whence, and the total Want of Troops, Ammunition and Magazines, which ought to have been there, the Loſs of the ſaid Dutchy is ſolely imputed to the Conduct of that Nobleman.

Some Letters from *Conſtantinople* mention, that the chief Mufti has been ſtrangled there for being ſuſpected to be a Favourite of the *German* Intereſt; and that the Grand Vizir and *Kirler Aga*, the only Perſons that engroſs the Sultan at preſent, are openly known to be faſt Friends to the *French* Court.

For the Entertainment of the Curious and Inquiſitive, the following Explanation of the *Oxford Almanack* for the Year 1734 is exhibited.

The Fabrick is one Side of the Inner Court of St. *John's-College*, built by that great Architect *Inigo Jones*, at the ſole Expence of Archbiſhop *Laud*, formerly Preſident of the ſame; adorn'd with two fine Statues in Braſs, of King *Charles* I. and his Queen, and enrich'd with ſeveral curious Buſtos, repreſenting the Sciences.

The Figures in the Almanack are, A Woman repreſenting *Alma Mater*, receiving from Archbiſhop *Laud* his Book of Statutes; at the ſame Time ſhe extends her Right Hand to accept the Plan of the *Botanick* Garden, lately endow'd by Dr. *Sherard*, ſome Time Fellow of this College. Behind Archbiſhop *Laud* ſtands Archbiſhop *Juxon*, Lord High Treaſurer of *England*, Biſhop *Buckeridge* of *Ely* (Tutor to Archbiſhop *Laud*) Biſhop *Neve* of *Winchester*, all Preſidents of this College; behind them Mr. *Edward Waple* and Dr. *Wood-ſe*, conſiderable Benefactors.

To theſe ſucceeds a Groupe of Phyſicians, among which Sir *William Paddy*, Phyſician to King *James* I. and Founder of the Chair of St. *John's*, and the late celebrated Dr. *Gibbons*.

The Proceſſion is cloſed by *George Benſon*, Eſq; and *Tobias Ruſhat*, Eſq; Maſter of the Robes to King *Charles* I. both Benefactors to this Society. The Figure in the Clouds, ſupported by Cherubs, repreſents Sir *Thomas White*, once Lord Mayor of the City of *London*, and the worthy *Founder* of this College of St. *John Baptiſt*.

Deaths. A few Days ago died the Hon. Miſs *Hamilton*, Niece to the Right Hon. the Earl of *Abercorn* in the Kingdom of *Scotland*.——A few Days ſince died *Sackville Stewart*, Eſq; Nephew to Sir *James Stewart*, of *Groſtrees* in *Scotland*.——Yeſterday died *John Caſey*, Eſq; an eminent Wine Merchant of this City.——A few Days ago died *John Suckling*, Eſq; Lieutenant-Colonel in the Regiment commanded by the Lord *Mark Kerr*.——On Sunday laſt died *Thomas Tuſton*, Eſq; fifth Son of the Hon. Col. *Sackville Tuſton*, aged 20 Years.

FRIDAY, *Dec.* 14.

Yeſterday Morning his Highneſs the Prince of *Orange* was ſo well recovered from his late Indiſpoſition, that he took the Air in his Coach for the firſt Time round *Brumpton* and *Cheſſea*.

The ſame Day a Boat was overſet near *Whitehall*, and three People drowned.

All our Advices from *Poland* run every Day more and more in favour of King *Staniſlaus*, whoſe Party it ſeems has of late ſo prodigiouſly gain'd Ground, that the Opponents were oblig'd to write Word to King *Auguſtus*, that his Affairs would ſoon be at an End there, if his Majeſty did not throw himſelf among them, as his Competitor had done, and ſpirit up his Adherents by his Preſence. 'Tis aſſur'd, as far as any Thing from that Quarter can be, that the Nobility were on Horſeback in all Parts of *Poland* in favour of King *Staniſlaus*, and that his Majeſty was waiting for their joining into one Body, in order to go put himſelf at their Head; an Incident that was daily expected.

Our Letters from *Dreſden* pretend to ſay, that it was upon the above Invitation of King *Auguſtus*'s Friends in *Poland*, that his Majeſty is ſet out on his Journey thither. He has taken the Rout of *Breſlaw* and *Tarnowitz* in *Sileſia*, but travels ſo ſlowly, that it is not known when he can be there; and ſome preſume to think, that his Majeſty will not at preſent enter *Poland*, it being ſaid that the City of *Cracow*, where the Coronation muſt be perform'd, is actually in the Enemy's Hands, and capable of being defended by the whole Army of the Crown Regimentary, who lies ready at hand for that Purpoſe. Beſides, the Riſque that Prince may run in endeavouring to penetrate into *Poland* on that Side, ſeems very great, ſeeing the Majority of the Nobility of that Palatinate is of the contrary Party, and can if they find Things at an Extremity, eaſily call in the *Turks* and *Tartars* to their Aſſiſtance, who will not fail to oblige them, in Hopes of ſharing the rich Plunder that they may promiſe themſelves in the new King's Equipage and Baggage. King *Auguſtus* however, in commencing his Journey that Way, gives Courage to his Party, and will be at hand to ſeize the firſt Opportunity that declares itſelf in his Favour.

Robberies. On Wedneſday Night about Nine o'Clock, as Mr. *Simſon*, a Baker, near the *Grey-hound* Tavern, at the Top of *Monmouth-ſtreet*, was ſhutting up his Shop, two Foot-pads knock'd him down, and robb'd him of his Coat, Watch, and about 14 s. in Money.——Yeſterday Morning about Nine o'Clock, two Gentlemen in a Coach and Six were attack'd between *Kenſington Gravel Pits* and *Bay's-water*, by three Highwaymen, all maſk'd and well mounted, who robb'd them of 16 Guineas and two Gold Watches. They were going to *Oxford*, but having loſt their Money, thought proper to return to Town.

Marriages. Laſt Thurſday was Se'nnight Sir *Alexander Foſter* was married at *York-Minſter* to Miſs *Carleton*, eldeſt Daughter of Major *Carleton*, of the Guards.——Yeſterday the Rev. Mr. *Phillips*, M. A. was married to Miſs *Smallbroke*, eldeſt Daughter of the Right Rev. the Lord Biſhop of *Litchfield* and *Coventry*.

Death. On Wedneſday laſt died at *Iſleworth*, after a tedious Indiſpoſition, the Right Hon. *George Talbot*, Earl of *Shrewſbury*.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Genoa, Nov. 28. N. S.

A Commiſſary is arrived from *France*, to take upon him the Direction of the Proviſions that are getting together here for the *French* Army in *Lombardy*.

Warſaw, Nov. 28. N. S. The Number of *Ruſſian* Troops in this Kingdom, now the Reinforcement is arrived, amount to 80,000 Men and upwards. Their General finds a difficult Task to preſerve a good Harmony among the Grandees, and ſeveral are actually withdrawn from hence under a Pretence of retiring to their Eſtates. The *Ruſſian* Guards having a few Days ago kill'd two *Poliſh* Gentlemen in a Quarrel, the ſaid Accident had near lighted up to a Flame; but the Conduct of the Officers, in ſuffering the Civil Magiſtrates to make Enquiry into that Affair, cool'd the Tempers of the *Poles*, and the Magiſtrates, by a proper Management, having made their Report in Favour of the *Muſcovites*, all Heats are intirely ſubſided. The Diſtreſs of this Kingdom is inexpreſſible; the Miſeries of the Sword it has already experienced, thoſe of Famine make long Strides towards us, and from the many Diſtempers that reign in all Parts, we have too much Reaſon to apprehend that a Peſtilence may ſoon follow. The Grandees of different Parties continue ravaging each others Eſtates, and the *Poliſh* Armies harraſs the *Ruſſians* without ceaſing, but avoid coming to a Battle: News however is juſt arrived, that a Party of 600 *Muſcovite* Dragoons accidentally falling in with the Crown Regimentary *Potocki* in a narrow Place, attack'd his Army to ſo great an Advantage, that he was obliged to retire.

Vienna, Dec. 2. N. S. The *Daniſh* Miniſter has declar'd, that the King his Maſter looking upon the preſent Circumſtance of the Affairs of this Court as an Incident to which his Engagement by Treaty is liable, will not fail to ſend 6000 auxiliary Troops as ſtipulated, early next Spring. The *Imperial* Miniſters having thereupon previouſly enquired of his Excellency, whether his *Daniſh* Majeſty was diſpoſed to grant a greater Number, upon Payment of what Sums may be agreed upon, his Anſwer was, that he would inform his Court. The Nobility of *Naples* have generouſly offer'd our Viceroy, to employ their whole Force in the Service of his *Imperial* Majeſty, and to enter into what Meaſures his Excellency ſhall judge expedient, to hinder the Entrance of the Enemy into the Kingdom. We have Advice from *Italy*, that *Mantua* is inveſted.

Milan, Dec. 5. N. S. The Garriſon of *Picighitone* is to retire with due Honours to *Mantua*, after the Expiration of eight Days. We prepare already for the Siege of this Caſtle, and we have an aſſured Account that the Trenches will be open'd here for that Purpoſe on the 14th Inſtant. Since no Succours can poſſibly be had this Winter, we give it up, and ſuppoſe the Garriſon muſt be ſoon obliged to ſurrender. The Citadel is indeed well enough ſupply'd with Proviſions, but wants Ammunition. After its Surrender, 'tis pretended the combin'd Forces will go upon the Siege of *Novara* and *Tortona*, which are the only Places remaining in the *Milaneze*, and then proceed to *Mantua*, whither they have already ſent ſome Detachments to take Poſſeſſion of ſome advantageous Poſts. Tho' this City ſurrender'd in general to the combin'd Forces, 'tis obſerved that all the conſiderable Poſts are given in the Name of the King of *Sardinia*, his Majeſty having nominated the Marquiſs *Olivazzi* to that of Grand Chancellor and Vice-Preſident of the Senate, and given Meſſ. *Verſignai* and *Buſeri* the Direction of the Poſt Office.

Dantzick, Dec. 5. N. S. King *Staniſlaus* has received ſome Diſpatches from the Palatine of *Kiovia*, in all Appearance much to his Satisfaction: We are aſſur'd amongſt other Things they adviſe, that the Grand Seignor has declared by his Prime Vizir to the *Ruſſian* Reſident, that the Entrance of the *Ruſſians* into *Poland*, being directly contrary to the Treaty of *Pruth*, his ſublime Highneſs found himſelf indiſpenſably oblig'd to break with that Court. That the *Ruſſian* Miniſter having thereupon demanded 40 Days to receive an Anſwer in, was allow'd them, but with this Addition, that in caſe it was not ſatisfactory, he muſt expect that Inſtant an open Rupture. People are the more eager to ſee the Event of this Article, becauſe the *Ruſſians* ſtrenuouſly maintain the contrary, and inſiſt upon it, that the *Ottoman* Port has declared they will not intermeddle, directly nor indirectly with the *Poliſh* Affairs.

Hamburgh, Dec. 8. N. S. The Count *de Wratiſlau*, the Emperor's Miniſter Plenipotentiary, is return'd from *Keil*, not having been able to perſuade the Duke of *Holſtein-Gottorp* to yield *Sleſwick* to the King of *Denmark*, upon the Conditions ſtipulated by the Treaty of *Copenhagen*; and as the Time is near expiring, in which that Affair was to have been determin'd, it has been agreed to follow a further Term of two Years to decide it in. The laſt Letters from *Dantzick* ſay, that the *Ruſſian* Commiſſary *Erdman* has been obliged to leave that City; and that King *Staniſlaus* having been anew aſſured of a ſpeedy Succoua from *Sweden*, it was concluded that the Peace could not ſubſiſt very long between that Kingdom and *Ruſſia*.

Franckfort, Dec. 13. N. S. The *Imperial* Troops are haſtening towards the *Rhine*. A Party of 2000 Men are already arriv'd at *Brutchal*, and another of the ſame Number at *Pfertheim*. We have Advice, that a Detachment of about 800 *Huſſars* croſſing the Black Foreſt, accidentally fell in with a Vanguard of *French* Dragoons, and having laid ſeveral of them dead on the Spot, put the reſt to Flight. Upon the News of the *Imperial* Army approaching, the *French* have aſſembled all their Troops in the lower *Alſace*, inſomuch that we may expect to hear of an Action before the Year is out, eſpecially as the mild Weather is like to continue.

Hague, Dec. 18. N. S. By the laſt Poſt from *Vienna* we learn, that the Emperor has refuſed to accept of the Neutrality for the *Auſtrian* Low Countries offered by *France*. The *Imperial* Miniſters preſented a Memorial laſt Saturday to the States. The State of War for the enſuing Year was preſented on the 14th Inſtant to the States-General by the Council of State, in order to be tranſmitted to the ſeveral Provinces, and it is regulated upon the ſame Foot as it was for this laſt Year.

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